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Virginia Air Board
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Dear Air Board:

I have always enjoyed the Alexandria area for various reasons. I purchased my home here in 1964⁴ and over the years have seen various changes for both the good and bad. I feel that the issue with the Potomac River Generating Station is absolutely confusing. If the plant is not allowed to update its pollution control equipment and is closed, then where exactly will the extra electrical production come from to compensate for its loss?

If this plant closes then there will certainly be overloads on the grid, and we could face repeated blackouts this summer as they are experiencing on the West Coast. This could be a life-threatening event for the elderly and very young if faced with killer heat conditions. It makes no sense to not allow the plant to pay for its own upgrades. It will cost the taxpayers nothing.

This plant has been a vital part of our community. It has been here since the 1940's providing jobs and providing electricity for our area. We need to support Mirant and allow them to improve our air quality with this upgrade. We, as citizens, need to take notice of how certain segments are wasting our tax money on issues that would harm us in the long run and are based on their desire to simply get rid of a facility based on its architecture not fitting in with their condos and townhouses.

Thanks,

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